

Birnbaum recognized for leadership by USPHS

By Eddy Ball

NIEHS and NTP Director Linda Birnbaum, Ph.D., was among civilians and commissioned officers honored by the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) June 10 in Washington, D.C. Birnbaum received a certificate of appreciation and medal from Acting Surgeon General [Boris Lushniak, M.D.](#) (<http://www.hhs.gov/about/foa/osleadership/surgeon-general-bio.html>)

Lushniak specifically commended Birnbaum for her exemplary service to the Office of the Surgeon General through unwavering support to the Commissioned Corps as Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The 6,500 member Commissioned Corps is an essential component of the largest public health program in the world. Corps officers hold a variety of positions throughout the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and certain non-HHS federal agencies and programs in the areas of disease control and prevention; biomedical research; regulation of food, drugs, and medical devices; mental health and drug abuse; and health care delivery.

NIEHS counts several active and retired USPHS officers among its employees, including Senior Medical Advisor Aubrey Miller, M.D., and Chief of Staff Mark Miller, Ph.D.



Birnbaum's USPHS medal and certificate joined a number of other honors she has received as director of NIEHS. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



Lushniak, in full dress uniform, presented the certificate and medal to Birnbaum. (Photo courtesy of Kun Shen)

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